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## HOUSE BILL No. 1074

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**Citations Affected:** IC 8-1.

**Synopsis:** Electric meter bases. Provides that when a residential customer of a public or municipally owned electric utility installs or upgrades electric service, the utility must supply the customer with a meter base if the meter base: (1) is necessary; and (2) has not already been supplied by the customer. Prohibits a utility from requiring a residential customer or a contractor or subcontractor hired by the customer to obtain a meter from an outside supplier or vendor. Prohibits a contractor or subcontractor from including in a charge to a residential customer the cost of a meter base. Provides that a person who installs a meter base outside the service area of a utility commits a class A misdemeanor.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.  
January 23, 2003, reported — Do Pass.  
January 28, 2003, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1074

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning  
utilities and transportation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 8-1-2-36.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2003]: **Sec. 36.2. (a) As used in this section, "customer" means a**  
4 **residential customer of a utility.**

5       **(b) As used in this section, "meter base" refers to the unit to**  
6 **which:**

7           **(1) a meter; or**

8           **(2) another device used to measure electricity supplied by a**  
9 **utility;**

10 **is attached at the time the meter or device is installed.**

11       **(c) As used in this section, "utility" refers to a public or**  
12 **municipally owned electric utility. The term includes a corporation**  
13 **formed under IC 8-1-13 to make electric energy available to**  
14 **inhabitants of rural areas of Indiana.**

15       **(d) When a new customer of a utility installs electric service or**  
16 **an existing customer of the utility upgrades the customer's electric**  
17 **service, the utility must supply the customer with a meter base if**

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1 the meter base:  
2 (1) is necessary for the installation or upgrade; and  
3 (2) has not already been supplied by the customer.  
4 A utility may not require a customer or a contractor or  
5 subcontractor hired by the customer to purchase or otherwise  
6 acquire a meter base that meets the specifications from an outside  
7 supplier or vendor.  
8 (e) A contractor or subcontractor may not include in a charge  
9 to a customer the cost of a meter base supplied by a utility under  
10 this section.  
11 (f) A person who installs a meter box outside of the service area  
12 of the utility that provided the meter box commits a class A  
13 misdemeanor.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which was referred House Bill 1074, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

STEVENSON, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 4.

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## HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1074 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "(a)" insert **"As used in this section, "customer" means a residential customer of a utility.**

**(b)".**

Page 1, line 9, delete "(b)" and insert **"(c)".**

Page 1, line 13, delete "(c)" and insert **"(d)".**

Page 2, after line 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(e) A contractor or subcontractor may not include in a charge to a customer the cost of a meter base supplied by a utility under this section."**

(Reference is to HB 1074 as printed January 24, 2003.)

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 HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1074 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, after line 5 , begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(d) A person who installs a meter box outside of the service area of the utility that provided the meter box commits a class A misdemeanor."**

(Reference is to HB 1074 as printed January 24, 2003.)

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